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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
3. Credit Card Payment Form authorized in the amount of \$1810.00 to cover: \$790.00 RCE filing fee; and \$1020.00 extension of time fee;
4. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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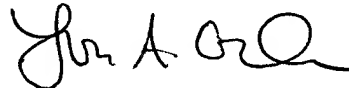
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abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned; and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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